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Honorable James E. Webb
Director, Bureau of the Budget
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Webb:

This is in response to your request for the views of this Department concerning the draft of a proposed bill submitted by the Central Intelligence Agency "To provide for the administration of the Central Intelligence Agency established pursuant to Section 102, National Security Act of 1947."

Aside from Section 6(h), the proposed bill would provide for the administrative structure and incidental authority of the Central Intelligence Agency which do not directly concern this Department.

Section 6(h) of the proposed bill would provide that whenever the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency shall determine that the entry of an alien into the United States for permanent residence is in the interest of national security or essential to the furtherance of the national intelligence mission, an appropriate consular office shall issue to such alien and his immediate family non-quota immigration visas as provided for in the Act of May 26, 1924, 43 Stat. 153, as amended, but without regard to the inadmissibility of such aliens to the United States under the Immigration Laws, or to the failure of the applicant to comply with such laws; and upon issuance of visas under the provisions of this section, the aliens to whom issued will not be denied entry to the United States because of inadmissibility or ineligibility under any provisions of law governing entry of aliens into the United States. The section contains a proviso that the number of visas issued to aliens and their immediate families under the authority of the section shall in no case exceed fifty in any one calendar year.

As you are aware, the Department of Justice is charged with the responsibility of enforcing the immigration laws. In addition to the admission and control of aliens, this responsibility includes the apprehension and deportation of aliens who are in the United States illegally or whose presence has been deemed undesirable under the law. Inasmuch as Section 6(h)